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the public is entitled to whatever advantage may be derived from competition in the subsequent traffic."

Policeman Have Rights.—One dark night a policeman, while patrolling his beat, noticed a door partly open. After summoning a fellow policeman, he pushed open the door, stepped through the doorway into the unlighted and dark interior, and was suddenly precipitated to the bottom of an unguarded freight elevator shaft. He died from the injuries received. His widow, alleging negligence in not having the shaft properly guarded as provided for by statute, brought suit to recover damages. Defendant contended that it owed no duty to a policeman. The Court of Appeals of New York in *Racine v. Morris*, 94 Northwestern Reporter, 864, holds that, as policemen are required at all times of the day and night to protect the rights of persons and property, intestate was lawfully in the building in discharge of his duties; and, since the statute in question was enacted for the protection of all persons lawfully upon the premises of another, the duty imposed by the statute to guard elevator shafts was for intestate's benefit, and defendant was liable for failure to comply therewith.

Etiquette Is Fatal.—Etiquette, we know, is prescribed for, and required by, good breeding, to be observed in social or official life; but since the case of *State v. Flanakin*, 54 Southern Reporter, 940, we are left in doubt as to the propriety of conventional decorum with a jury. Defendant was tried for murder, and the polite jury brought in a verdict reading as follows: "We, your jury, beg leave to return a verdict of manslaughter." Defendant filed a motion in arrest of judgment on the ground that the jury had failed to find him guilty or not guilty, and had brought in no verdict which would afford a sufficient basis for exception. The motion being denied, an appeal was taken. The Supreme Court of Louisiana holds that the motion should have been sustained. The court says: "The jury was expected by its verdict to answer the question, 'Is the accused guilty or not guilty?' and it has not answered it." The result might have been different had the judge been equally polite, and answered their "beg leave to" with a kind, "Yes, sirs; you may," and then received the verdict.